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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2003, Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute Group A (Claims 1-44), which the Examiner defines as claims "drawn to a method and system for processing data, classified in class 709, subclass 232." Office Action, page 2, paragraph 1. Group B (Claims 45-52) is withdrawn from the aboveidentified patent application without prejudice or disclaimer.



If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call his attorney at the number listed below.

Applicant believes no money is required for the filing of this response. The Commissioner, however, is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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